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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 18925

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SUBJECT: VIETNAM FAMILY REUNIONS WITH AMERICAN
CITIZENS

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1. FRENCH EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS INVOL-
VING PERSONS TRYING TO LEAVE VIETNAM HAS BEEN BETTER
THAN OURS, BUT FRENCH CONTINUE TO HAVE MANY PROBLEMS
IN DEALING WITH THE VIETNAMESE. MAIN DIFFICULTY
APPEARS TO BE ONE OF DOCUMENTATION; THE VIETNAMESE
USUALLY REFUSE TO ISSUE AN EXIT VISA UNTIL THE INDIVI-
DUAL CONCERNED HAS RECEIVED HIS ENTRY VISA FOR FRANCE.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY IT IS NOT ALWAYS
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POSSIBLE FOR FRENCH TO ISSUE THEIR VISA FIRST, SUCH
AS NEED TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT, DIF-
FICULTY OF TRAVEL WITHIN SRV, ETC.

2. FRENCH ALSO HAVE A PROBLEM SIMPLY CONTACTING FAMILY
MEMBERS IN SRV; USUALLY THE ONLY WAY FOR THEM TO DO
THIS IS THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE MAIL, WHICH IS SUBJECT

TO SURVEILLANCE AND DOES NOT ALWAYS ARRIVE. A FURTHER PROBLEM IS DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY; VIETNAMESE DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE THAT A PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO LEAVE VIETNAM, ESPECIALLY IF THEY CONSIDER HIM A VIETNAMESE CITIZEN. MOST RECENTLY, VIETNAMESE HAVE EVIDENTLY MADE IT EASIER FOR CAMBODIANS RESIDENT IN VIETNAM, WHO HAVE RELATIVES IN FRANCE, TO LEAVE. THUS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF CAMBODIANS COMING TO FRANCE FROM VIETNAM. HOWEVER, PERSONS WHO ARE CONSIDERED VIETNAMESE STILL HAVE PROBLEMS. RESULT IS THAT OF 160 PERSONS ON WEEKLY AIR FRANCE FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON, ABOUT 50 ARE NORMALLY FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES.

3. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE USE OF DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, FRENCH EXPERIENCE IS NOT VERY PROMISING. FRENCH HAVE IN THE PAST PRESENTED LISTS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES TO THE VIETNAMESE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BUT THIS HAS HAD NO DISCERNIBLE EFFECT ON THEIR SUCCESS IN REUNITING FAMILY MEMBERS. WE RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT VIETNAMESE MAY CONSIDER THE US A SPECIAL CASE.

4. FOLLOWING IS LATEST STATUS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES ON WHICH WE HAVE ASKED FRENCH ASSISTANCE (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT, WE HAVE INCLUDED ONLY CASES IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST):

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A. MCGUIRE (STATE 86841): NGUYEN THI TE AND US CITIZEN SON, GARY DUANE MCGUIRE: QUAI REQUESTED FRENCH CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH VILLE TO ASSIST FAMILY AND FACILITATE DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM IN COMMUNICATION DATED MAY 8. FRENCH HAVE NO RECORD THAT CONTACT HAS YET BEEN MADE WITH FAMILY. FOLLOW-UP REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT SENT BY MFA ON JUNE 9.

B. GOUGELMANN (STATE 89766): MADAME DUONG THI XUAN AND FAMILY (ADOPTIVE FAMILY OF TUCKER GOUGELMANN): MFA REQUESTED FRENCH CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH VILLE TO ASSIST AS REQUESTED IN COMMUNICATION DATED APRIL 24. TO DATE THERE IS NO RECORD THAT CONTACT WITH FAMILY HAS BEEN MADE AND FOLLOW-UP WAS SENT BY MFA ON JUNE 9.

C. MCCONNELL BANGKOK 16512): WE UNABLE LOCATE ANY CASE UNDER THIS NAME. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FURNISH VIETNAMESE FAMILY NAME AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON CASE SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED WITH REQUEST TO FRENCH REGARDING STATUS.

D. ONE OTHER CASE IS COVERED BY SEPTTEL.

5. WHILE IT MAY BE APPARENT TO THE DEPARTMENT, WE FEEL OBLIGED TO RECALL THAT FRENCH HAVE TRIED TO BE HELPFUL IN THE SPECIAL CASES WE HAVE RAISED WITH THEM, BUT THAT THIS SPIRIT OF HELPFULNESS DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE FACT THAT OUR REQUESTS ARE MADE ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, AT LEAST IN PARIS. QUAI MIGHT NOT CONTINUE TO BE AS COOPERATIVE IF OUR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ON SPECIAL CASES BECAME REGULARIZED; WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT FRENCH REACTION WOULD BE IF WE WERE TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL DEMARCHE REQUESTING A BROADER ARRANGEMENT FOR ROUTINE ASSISTANCE. IN CASES WHERE WE HAVE AN APPROVED PETITION ON FILE, OF COURSE, ROUTINE HANDLING POSES NO PROBLEM FOR FRENCH, SINCE PETITION APPARENTLY SUBSTITUTED
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ES FOR "CERTIFICAT D'HABERGEMENT" REQUIRED UNDER FRENCH REGULATIONS. WE CONTINUE TO HANDLE MANY SUCH CASES ON

A ROUTINE BAVIS. ARTMAN. UNQUOTE VANCE

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